



## SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief ★ Public Information Office ★ 214 W. Nueva St. ★ San Antonio, Texas 78207  
Office (210)207-7579 ★ Fax (210)207-7567 ★ Dispatcher (210)207-7484

**Contact: Sandy Gutierrez    Date: September 28, 2001    Release No: 01-133**

# MEDIA ADVISORY

## ***SAPD SWAT Team #1 in Texas***

The San Antonio Police Department's own S.W.A.T. Team has placed first among 24 competing S.W.A.T. teams in the statewide competition that was held in Austin, Texas, earlier this week.

The annual competition has been renamed the "John Rocky Riojas Texas Tactical Police Association SWAT Competition" in honor of San Antonio Police Officer Riojas who was killed February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The 6-man team competed in a three-day competition that included a hostage rescue scenario, an obstacle course and a firearms match.

This grueling event is a mentally challenging competition as well as a physical one. It taps into every scope of training that has been learned.

This victory is bittersweet. The team members continue to work through the loss of Officer Riojas but are extremely pleased the first-place trophy was won the very year the competition was renamed in honor of Rocky.